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Honorable John McCain
U.S. Senator
111 Russell Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator McCain:

Thank you for your inquiry of June 10, 1993 to EPA Administrator Carol Browner. I have been requested to respond to your concerns regarding the Tri-City Landfill located on the Salt River Pima Maricopa Indian Reservation.

On April 1, 1993, EPA Region 9 (Region 9) sent a letter to the Salt River Pima Maricopa Indian Community (SRPMIC) requesting a status report on the corrective measures that were being implemented. I have enclosed copies of Region 9's correspondence and the SRPMIC's response to the concerns Region 9 expressed in our April 1 letter.

As you state in your letter, the Army Corps of Engineers (ACOE) is working with the SRPMIC to implement final remedial activities to protect the facility from future flood events. The ACOE is the lead federal agency for this project. The contact person at the ACOE is Colonel Robert L. VanAntwerp, District Engineer for the ACOE's Los Angeles District. Colonel VanAntwerp can be reached at 213/894-5300.

It is our understanding that the SRPMIC has completed work on an interim protection containment dike to stabilize the area of the landfill that was breached during the flood events of last winter. The SRPMIC has contracted with a private consultant to assist with the construction of the agreed-upon final corrective measures. The ACOE has been participating in monthly progress meetings with a project team consisting of representatives from the SRPMIC, the Flood Control District of Maricopa County, the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality, and the SRPMIC's consultant.

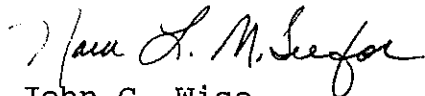
According to the ACOE, the two-phased project is on schedule. The first phase of the project is to complete the final design plans and begin the construction of the final soil and cement containment dike. This initial phase will also

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include some channelization of the Salt River away from the breached area. Phase one should be completed this September. Phase two will consist of the final dike construction and channelization activities. Phase two should be completed by March 1994.

If I can be of further assistance, please call me or my Congressional Liaison Officer, Catherine Roberts, at (415) 744-1560.

Sincerely,



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Enclosures

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